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REPLY TO: TALLAHASSEE

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Hand Delivered

Ben Pingree, Assistant to County Administrator Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor 301 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Ben:

This letter is to inform you that I have joined the Law Firm of Lewis, Longman and Walker, P.A. My representation of Leon County over the past several years has been very rewarding. Working in cooperation with Bob Brantley and Eric Thorn has been both enjoyable and successful. I am hopeful that Leon County will consider allowing me to continue representing them, along with other members of the firm from Lewis, Longman and Walker. The Firm understands that this representation will be under the same terms and conditions as the existing legislative contract. It is also my understanding that Jack Skelding will not be pursuing representation of Leon County next year.

As you know, this past session we brought back \$500,000 for Harbinwood and \$12.5 million for Capital Circle. In addition, we protected Leon's interests and ensured that the sale of state owned lands within the Capitol Center will reflect the community's expectations for the planned downtown revitalization. Earlier I passed legislation creating new voter-approved indigent care surtax for counties with less than 80,000 residents. In order to ensure that Leon qualified, I also had to change the cap for the total discretionary sales surtax levied by one county from 1% to 1.5%. In addition, I passed legislation clarifying that public employees are extended the same attorney client privilege as private attorneys.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to another great year.

Sincerely

Linda C. Cox

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